

1996 Liberty Wing DUI rate

Sq.	Assigned	DUIs	Last DUI
MSS	172	0	-
CES	213	3	Oct. 12, 96
SPS	414	2	Dec. 6, 96
SVS	60	1	Dec. 21, 96
CS	176	1	Nov. 12, 96
CPTF	23	0	Late 1993
MDOS	326	1	Jan. 5, 97
AMDS	50	1	May 5
MDSS	170	2	Dec. 13
DS	102	1	May 11
LGS	56	1	June 29, 96
CRS	465	3	Nov. 16, 96
CONS	20	0	-
EMS	622	4	Oct. 4, 96
SUPS	219	0	-
TRANS	102	3	March 30, 96
OSS	181	3	Aug. 19, 96
492nd	383	5	Oct. 13, 96
493rd	297	2	Sept. 7, 96
494th	377	5	Oct. 6, 96
5th SPSS	62	0	-
18th IS	29	0	-
Det. 16	23	0	-
TOTAL	4,542	38	

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On the cover

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Taylor Hermes, daughter of SSgt. Pat and Kelly Hermes holds the Liberty Wing's torch high for 1997.

Liberty shines bright in 1997

By Col. Doug Richardson
48th Fighter Wing commander

Happy new year, Liberty Wing!

Just like 1996, we've got a challenging year ahead as America's premier front-line fighter wing. In fact, the 494th Panthers have already deployed to Incirlik AB, Turkey, to participate in the successor mission to Operation Provide Comfort and the 493rd Reapers will join them next week.

This year, the 48th will "engage" in operations and training in many places, including weapons training in Spain in April; a Maple Flag exercise in Canada in May and the Ample Train exercise later that month; a Weapons Systems Evaluation Program in Florida in June; the NATO Air Meet and a Tactical Fighter Weaponry deployment in August; and the Tactical Leadership Program in Belgium in September.

The wing will have a chance to demonstrate our attention to detail during a staff assistant Surety Inspection by the USAFE Inspector General team in June and again, in October, for the actual Surety Inspection.

Additionally, the Liberty Wing will be host to numerous military-to-military visits, special inspections and many distinguished visitors.

Those are some of our major operational activities we'll tackle this year. In the support side of the house, look for continued improvements in services and facilities. For a complete listing and status report, turn to

page 13 to see what major projects the Liberty Wing has underway. I think you'll be amazed at the amount of activity!

Because of our mission and record of outstanding service, the Liberty Wing is one of the Air Force's busiest communities. It's only because of the high caliber of Liberty Wing airmen that we continue to excel in every challenge we face.

As we go through this challenging year, remember that the strength of this wing is built upon the strength of each individual's character. It's your dedication to duty, your service before self, and your pursuit of excellence that makes the difference. Whether you're posting a tech order, extracting a tooth, engaging a "MiG," or guarding our gates, we all rely on each other to give 100 percent and do the best job we can. But this is only one-half of the secret formula for building great combat capability, readiness and spirit! The other half is hidden in following the old "Golden Rule." Put these two together and we have a road map for building a great Air Force community and a winning team.

Together with our sister wing, the 100th Air Refueling Wing at RAF Mildenhall, I'm confident that our combined Air Force community will build the reputation as the finest in Europe.

I wish each of you and your families a prosperous new year and thank you for your dedication and sacrifice to the U.S. Air Force and the greatest fighter wing in the world — the 48th Fighter Wing.

Safe holiday season needs vigilant follow-up

By Gen. Michael Ryan
USAFE commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) -- Congratulations to all for one of the safest holiday seasons in command history. I believe this kind of safety record is a direct reflection of commander involvement, heightened risk awareness, and integration of a safety mindset at every level across the command.

However, now is not the time to relax.

January has historically been a high mishap rate month. Past years are filled with examples of post-holiday complacency. I ask you all to not let your guard down. Now is the time to focus on re-energizing your training programs with a crawl, walk, run mentality.

Involvement in your organization's safety programs with a clear goal of managing and minimizing risk is the key. I challenge every commander, supervisor, and Air Force member to continue their sterling efforts so that we can make 1997 the safest year in USAFE. Have a happy and safe new year.

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